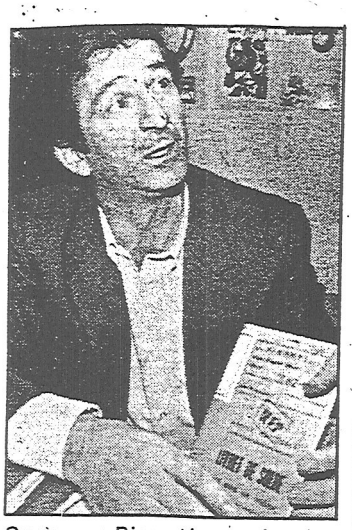

Sauveur Pironti was in the French navy Nov. 22, 1963.

Accused JFK killers were not in Dallas

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LONDON — A British television program claimed three French gangsters assassinated President John F. Kennedy on a contract from U.S. organized crime, but French records show two of them were not in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

One of the three men, Sauveur Pironti, also denied the allegation in an interview published Wednesday by the Marseilles newspaper *Le Provencal.*

It quoted him as saying "I was not in Dallas, but in the military in Toulon," and said he displayed a military service record showing he was based on a minesweeper in Toulon from Oct. 16, 1962, to April 16, 1964.

"I believe at that time my friend (Lucien) Sarti was being held in Baumettes (prison in Marseilles) and (Roger) Bocagnani was in prison at Fort du Ha in Bordeaux," the newspaper quoted Pironti as saying.

According to the two-hour Central Television program *The Men Who Killed Kennedy,* broadcast Tuesday night, Sarti was shot to death in Mexico in 1972 and Bocagnani was believed to be working in the Colombian cocaine trade.

French navy headquarters confirmed the dates of service in Toulon and said Pironti, 46, could not have been in Dallas. The Justice Ministry said Bocagnani was in prison in Marseille on that day.